Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (currently amended) An airbag for protecting an occupant, comprising:
- a left half airbag to be inflated at a front left of the occupant and having a distal end; and a right half airbag to be inflated at a front right of the occupant and having a distal end, said distal ends of the left and right half airbags being unconnected and separated from each other to form a space therebetween facing the occupant when the airbag is inflated.
- 2. (original) An airbag according to claim 1, wherein said distal ends of the left and right half airbags are spaced by a distance between 150 and 350 mm when the airbag is inflated.
- 3. (original) An airbag according to claim 1, further comprising a base for communicating the left and right half airbags, said left and right half airbags being inflatable by a common inflator.
- 4. (original) An airbag according to claim 1, wherein said left half airbag is connected with the right half airbag at a midsection thereof.
- 5. (original) An airbag according to claim 4, wherein each of said left half airbag and said right half airbag is formed of a plurality of panels having joint allowances disposed at the midsection, said left half airbag being connected with the right half airbag at the joint allowances.
- 6. (original) An airbag according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said left half airbag and said right half airbag has an inclined upper portion when the airbag is inflated.
- 7. (original) An airbag according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said left half airbag and said right half airbag has a width gradually decreasing upwardly when the airbag is inflated.

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8. (original) An airbag device comprising the airbag according to claim 1 and an inflator for inflating the airbag.

9. (new) An airbag according to claim 1, further comprising a base connected to the left and right half airbags, said left and right half airbags communicating only through the base.